

## House Resolution No. 216

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take pause to note the accomplishments of Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated themselves and their diverse endeavors to improving their local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Faye Bleigh is a Hannibal, Missouri, "southsider" who enjoyed distinction as Becky Thatcher from 1964 to 1965, graduated from Hannibal High School with the Class of 1969, attended Hannibal LaGrange College for two years, and then completed her degree in English, speech, and drama at Culver Stockton College in 1971; and

**Whereas**, married to David Bleigh in 1971, Faye Bleigh is the mother of two wonderful daughters, Bridget and Betsy, who enhance the operation of Bleigh Ready Mix Company in cooperation with their father; and

**Whereas**, Faye Bleigh set about investing her time and energy in her community and the surrounding environs through a series of jobs that included teaching in nearby Palmyra as well as at Hannibal High School, and serving as Marketing Director and General Manager of the Landing at Mark Twain Lake; and

**Whereas**, on November 5, 1993, Faye Bleigh shifted her professional efforts to the Hannibal Convention and Visitors Bureau to serve as Executive Director, an important endeavor which is now drawing to a close; and

**Whereas**, during her nearly decade-long stint as Director of the Hannibal Convention and Visitors Bureau, Faye Bleigh has written grants, traveled, assisted movie and film crews, convinced Walt Disney World in Florida to feature Hannibal's Tom and Becky each year on Tom Sawyer Island, promoted Hannibal National Tom Sawyer Days, supported Hannibal Jaycees, welcomed countless visitors to "America's Hometown" and involved herself in thousands of other projects to benefit her hometown and state:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive service so competently and lovingly performed by Faye Bleigh for her hometown of Hannibal and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes as she seeks new challenges in life; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Faye Bleigh, as an expression of our esteem and respect for her and her many community-oriented activities.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rachel Bringer  
District No. 6

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 216, adopted January 30, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker